

# THE TRANSMITTER

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**Prepare-Prevent-Respond**  
“The Eyes on America’s Soul”

## From the Director

On March 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, USAF Chief of Chaplain Service, Chaplain, Maj. Gen. Lorraine Potter signed a policy letter authorizing the utilization of Air Force Auxiliary Chaplains. This is an historic moment in our relationship with the Air Force. Before this policy letter our relationship might have been best described as “friendly” but unofficial. Now we have official standing to serve the Air Force in areas of need. Basically, this policy “permits USAF Wing Chaplains to use the services of Air Force Auxiliary chaplains when they meet Air Force standards, ecclesiastically, educationally, and professionally.” It has been the policy of your CAP Chaplain Service Advisory Council to maintain the same standards for CAP chaplain appointments as the Air Force. So our chaplain corps already meets the requirements as stated in the policy letter. However, many do not meet the standards for the wear of the Air Force-style uniform. Many have asked if they could perform duties on Air Force or other military bases while wearing one of the corporate uniforms (white shirt and grey slacks, or the blue blazer)? The answer is yes--that’s why the alternate uniform exists! A CAP chaplain can teach a Sunday school class at a base chapel, or do base hospital visitation (on request of the Wing Chaplain), while wearing the corporate uniform. What will bring discredit to our service faster than anything is wearing the Air Force-style uniform incorrectly, or not meeting the weight and grooming requirements for its wear.

In light of this new policy, it might be a good time to ask an objective and knowledgeable CAP friend to take a good look at each of us in uniform. Questions to pose: Does the uniform fit properly? Are all the accoutrements shiny and spaced correctly? For those of us in the late middle-age category, who also have too much in the middle, we might want to consider losing some weight, buying a bigger uniform or accepting the reality than we just shouldn’t wear the Air Force-style uniform at all. This attention will go a long way in how we project ourselves to the Air Force. Daily I hear about the good job our chaplain service is doing around the country. I know we are competent for the task. We just need to strive to be as sharp-looking as possible so that a poor appearance will not cloud an outstanding ministry opportunity.

Bob Hicks  
Deputy Director



*“Strive to be as sharp-looking as possible”*

## A Personal Note of Thanks

On behalf of my family please accept our sincere appreciation for all the prayers, cards, emails, and letters many of you have sent in response to my daughter’s home-going on Feb. 10, 2004. They are too many to acknowledge individually, so accept this short response as our recognition of your caring. We are all still grieving, but moving on with many great memories of 32 wonderful years with our Charis.



## WELCOME New Appointments

### Chaplains

Charles Sattgast- OR  
Paul J. Ritter- VA  
Peter Morgan- FL  
William Greaver- SD  
Arthur Ford- CO  
Cecil Gilliland- TN  
James Howell- GA  
Michael Frazier- FL  
John Stabb- AK  
William Folson- AL  
Joseph Finn- FL  
David Smelser- AL

### Moral Leadership Officers

Christina Hill- MI  
Delrose Francis-Dyett- GA  
Greer Utley- VA  
Christopher Koskin- NY  
William Schillhammer- MA  
Bruce Helms- ND  
Wayne Barber- NJ  
Jerry Holmes- MI  
Antonio Porter- OK  
Robert Casperson- MA

## Puerto Rico Chaplains Assist Army

When 5,000 activated Army reserve personnel were training at Camp Santiago in Puerto Rico in preparation for going to Iraq, the Army faced a shortage of chaplains. At the request of the PR Adjutant General, Chaplain Carmelo Lopez-Perez offered the services of his fellow CAP chaplains to fill the need. For the duration of training, four CAP chaplain services personnel assisted the Army by offering assistance, ministry of presence and counseling to both the troops and their families. PR Wing Chaplain Roberto Rodriguez, along with Chaplain Luis Cruz and Moral Leadership Officer Captain Judith Fabre volunteered to help Chaplain Lopez-Perez in this important ministry of service. In the true spirit of this year's CAP theme: "Performing Missions for America," these CAP chaplain service personnel deserve a solid round of thanks!



## New Administrative Assistant

When you call the NHQ Chaplain Office, you will hear a new voice. Stacey McGinnis has moved to CAP Operations, and our new assistant is Missie Derocher. Here's an introduction from her: "Hello, I am happy to serve you. As you can see above, I have two boys Koel (8) and Korey (14). My husband Joel is active-duty Air Force and during our 14 years of service we have traveled many places and experienced many cultures. I have worked for CAP for two years and stand in awe at the dedication and tireless enthusiasm I have seen in this volunteer service."

Next time you call, welcome Missie to the Chaplain Service!

## Chaplain Service Staff Colleges Continue

19-22 Apr- SWR: Ft Worth NAS, TX  
26-29 Apr- NCR: Omaha, NE  
26-29 Apr- GLR: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH  
12-14 May- RMR: Hill AFB, UT  
17-21 May- NER: Newport NS, RI  
2-4 June- MER: Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

**Don't miss the great training!**

*CAP National  
Commander*  
**Maj Gen Richard  
Bowling**

*Executive Director*  
**Albert A. Allenback**

*CAP-USAF Commander*  
**Col George C. Vogt**

*Chief, CAP Chaplain  
Services*  
**Ch, Col James H.  
Melancon**

*Deputy Director  
Chaplain Services*  
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*Editor*  
**Missie Derocher**

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## The Tool Box Chaplain/MLO Resources

### USAF Chaplain Service Web Site Now Available to CAP

CAP Chaplain Service personnel can now access the USAF Chaplain Service Web site. Formerly, it was accessible only from military computers. To enter the private site:

1. Go to: [www.usafhc.af.mil](http://www.usafhc.af.mil)
2. For user name enter: **CAP**
3. For password enter: **chaplains**
4. Once in, you can download the resource materials available.

CAUTION: This Web site is a private military site: Do not distribute to non-chaplain service personnel.

#### Catholic E-Resource

[www.CatholicMil.org](http://www.CatholicMil.org) a Web-based apostolate whose mission is to strengthen military families. Some of the referenced resources are free to military personnel.

### Chaplain Service Long-Term Positions

The Chaplain Service Advisory Council met at Keesler AFB, MS last October and hammered out a strategic plan for the future. Spelled out in terms of long-term positions, the following is what resulted:

1. To make the CAP Chaplain Service the 'resource of choice' for community and military clergy assistance.
2. To recruit and train a select corps of well-trained and led chaplain service volunteers to perform missions across America.
3. To identify, seek and secure multiple sources of funding to finance additional priorities.
4. To establish unmistakable lines of chaplain service authority, responsibility and communication at all levels of CAP.
5. To fully integrate CAP Chaplain service into the total force as a valued and respected partner.

The Advisory Council hopes to meet again next fall, to further refine these positions and look at specific action steps to make them a reality.

### Still Time to Apply for Training in Knoxville, TN

The Air National Guard's Academy for Innovative Ministry continues to authorize our Chaplain Service personnel to attend courses. The training is free, but travel, meals and billeting must be covered by the individual. Those interested in attending must obtain commander approval verifying completion of Level Two and Wear of the AF- Style Uniform. Commander approvals must be forwarded on a CAPF 17 to the Director at HQ who will work the selection with ANG. DO NOT CONTACT MCGHEE-TYSON DIRECTLY!

- 11-12 May- Community Education Programs: Suicide Prevention & Workplace Violence
- 13-14 May- CISM: National Guard Trained Crisis Responder Course
- 17-18 June- CISM: Individual Crisis Intervention & Peer Support
- 17-18 Aug- ASIST- Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- 19-20 Aug- CISM: Basic Group Crisis Intervention
- 28-29 Oct- CISM- Advanced Group Intervention
- 16-17 Nov- ASIST: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training
- 18-19 Nov- CISM: National Guard Trained Crisis Responder Course

\*NOTE: Some courses are back-to-back, thus allowing one to take two courses in four days. This is a better use of funds. A separate Form 17 is required for each course. You need to complete only the Basic CISM course to serve on a CAP CISM team; the other courses are highly valuable for one's professional and pastoral development.

All courses are held at McGhee Tyson ANG Base,

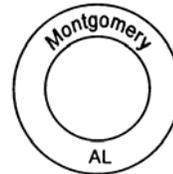
***"The ability to do evil comes not from power but weakness."***

Boethius, 793 AD

# 04 Southeast Region Chaplain Service Staff College



Forty-three Chaplains and Moral Leadership Officers gathered at the Life Enrichment Center outside Leesburg, FL for the SER Chaplain Staff College. An outstanding curriculum based on the theme, “Staying Healthy in the Ministry” included briefings on Stress in Ministry, Staying Fit into the Senior years, and End of Life Issues. Attendees launched “rockets” as an aerospace exercise, and discussed real-life cadet case studies. Kudos to: Region Chaplain Ralph Rivers and college director Chaplain Richard Stiliha for their exceptional college.



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